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SUBJECT: COFFEE: USDA ESTIMATE OF BRAZIL FROST DAMAGE

1. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF USDA PRESS RELEASE ON BRAZILIAN
FROST DAMAGE ISSUED AUGUST 21, 1975.

2. BEGIN QUOTE: BRAZIL'S CURRENT (1975-1976) COFFEE CROP
WILL NOT BE REDUCED AS A RESULT OF JULY 17 AND 18 FROST AND
FREEZING, BUT THE 1976-1977 CROP MAY BE REDUCED UP TO MORE
THAN FIFTY PERCENT.

3. THAT IS THE CONCLUSION REACHED BY A USDA TEAM IN A SUR-
VEY OF MAJOR COFFEE PRODUCING AREAS IN BRAZIL. THE FREEZE
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AND FROSTS HIT PRACTICALLY ALL COFFEE PRODUCING AREAS AND
WERE PARTICULARLY SEVERE IN THE STATES OF PARANA AND SAO
PAULO. DAMAGE IN MINAS GERAIS WAS MINIMAL.

4. THE 1976-1977 BRAZILIAN COFFEE CROP WHICH WILL BE HAR-
VESTED BEGINNING ABOUT MAY 1976 WILL PROBABLY AMOUNT TO
EIGHT TO ELEVEN MILLION 60 KILO BAGS (132.276 LBS EACH).
THIS COMPARES WITH A CROP OF 23 MILLION BAGS HARVESTED IN

1975-1976.

5. EFFECTS OF THE FREEZE WILL UNDOUBTEDLY REDUCE THE 1977-

1978 CROP AS WELL SINCE A LARGE NUMBER OF TREES WILL NEED SUBSTANTIAL PRUNING OR REPLACEMENT AND WILL REQUIRE MORE THAN ONE YEAR TO RECUPERATE. RECOVERY COULD BE HASTENED; HOWEVER, BY FAVORABLE WEATHER INCLUDING BENEFICIAL RAINS.

6. THERE WILL BE ADEQUATE COFFEE FOR WORLD REQUIREMENTS IN THE 1975-1976 MARKETING YEAR (OCTOBER-SEPTEMBER). BRAZIL HAD A CARRY-OVER STOCK ON JUNE 30, 1975 OF ABOUT 21 MILLION BAGS AND MANY OTHER PRODUCING COUNTRIES HAVE SIZEABLE CARRYOVERS AS WELL; HOWEVER, A TIGHTER WORLD COFFEE SITUATION IS EXPECTED AFTER SEPTEMBER 1976.

7. BY DECEMBER OF THIS YEAR IT WILL BE POSSIBLE TO MAKE A MORE ACCURATE ESTIMATE OF THE 1976-1977 CROP AS WELL AS THE PRODUCTION POTENTIAL FOR THE FOLLOWING YEAR. END QUOTE. MAW

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